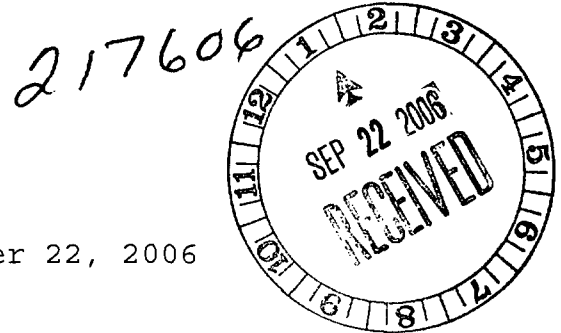


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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 268X),  
Norfolk Southern Railway Company-Abandonment  
Exemption- in Lorain County, OH

Formal Expression of Intent  
To Make an Offer of Financial Assistance

Petition to toll time for filing Offer  
of Financial Assistance

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i), I am submitting on behalf of the **Board of County Commissioners, Lorain County, Ohio** ("Lorain County"), a formal expression of its intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance ("OFA") in the above-captioned abandonment exemption proceeding. Lorain intends to file an OFA to purchase the entire 2.31 mile long rail line between mileposts LV 22.32 and LV 23.55 and mileposts LV-24.17 and LV-25.25 in the Village of Sheffield, in Lorain County, OH, that is the subject of this abandonment.

Under the Board's procedures, Lorain County's OFA would normally be due 30 days from the date of *Federal Register* publication, October 18, 2006. Consistent with those regulations, Lorain County respectfully requests that the Board toll the deadline for filing its OFA for at least 30 days to enable NS to furnish and Lorain County to analyze the information needed to present an OFA. 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(C).

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Heffner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D. Heffner

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